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REMARKS

The outstanding Office Action was mailed on December 12, 2006, in which pending claims 1-25 were rejected. In response, Applicants filed an Amendment on June 18, 2007. While the summary page indicated that Claims 1-25 were rejected, as noted therein by Applicants, no art rejection was made against claims 8 and 20, and these claims were not indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

On July 19, 2007, the Examiner telephoned Applicants' representative regarding the instant application. The Examiner indicated that Claims 8 and 20, as they appeared in a previous Amendment (submitted September 6, 2006), would be in condition for allowance if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner also indicated that the Section 101 rejections as to claims 8 and 20 would be withdrawn. The Examiner further indicated that claim 25 would be in condition for allowance if rewritten to parallel the subject matter of claim 8, and further that the Section 101 rejection against claim 25 would be withdrawn if the claim was further amended as herein.

By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have rewritten dependent claims 8 and 20 in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have also rewritten independent claim 25 to parallel the subject matter of claim 8 and to recite a "computer". Applicants have also cancelled claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 13, 15, 16, and 19 and amended claims 5, 6, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 23 to change their dependency. Thus, all of the claims currently pending in the application --

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2, 5- 6, 8-12, 14, 17-18, and 20-25 -- now incorporate the subject matter of either dependent claims 8 or 20.

Applicants are not conceding in this application that the claims amended and cancelled herein are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Independent Claims 8, 20 and 25 fully distinguish over the applied art and are thus allowable. By virtue of dependence from Claims 8 and 20, it is thus also submitted that Claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24 are also allowable at this juncture.

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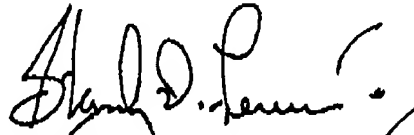
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If the pending claims are not immediately allowable, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to schedule a telephone interview prior to the issuance of a further Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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